

# Senate Order of Business

**No. 67:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020

At midday

- 1 Prayers and acknowledgement of country**
  
- 2 Documents to be presented—pursuant to s061**  
(Consideration at item 17)
  
- 3 Tabling of documents by Clerk**
  
- 4 Committees—proposed meetings to be authorised**  
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters—7 October 2020  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security—6 to 8 October 2020
  
- 5 Swearing in of senator**  
Senator Thorpe representing Victoria to be sworn in
  
- 6 Remote participation in Senate proceedings**  
Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann), by leave, to move adoption of rules
  
- 7 Statement by President—COVID-19 and the Parliament**
  
- 8 Government business orders of the day**
  - 1 Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020—second reading debate
  - 2 National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020—second reading debate
  - 3 Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019—second reading debate
  
- At 2 pm**
  
- 9 Questions**
  
- 10 Explanation by Minister**—Minister representing the Minister for Government Services (Senator Ruston) to attend pursuant to order of 2 September 2020—Centrelink's compliance program (see page 14 of the *Notice Paper*)

**11 Motions to take note of answers**

**12 Petitions**

**13 Notices of motion**

**14 Placing of business**

Postponements to be authorised

**Senators McCarthy and Dodson**—General business notice no. 753 to 9 November 2020

**Senator Brown**—General business notice no. 785 to 7 October 2020

Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (**Senator Waters**)—General business notice no. 802 to 8 October 2020

Committees—extensions of time to be authorised

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020 [Provisions]—from 14 October to 9 December 2020

**15 Formal motions**

**Business of the Senate**

- 1 **Senator O'Neill**—Disallowance of the Corporations Amendment (Litigation Funding) Regulations 2020
- 2 **Senator Lambie**—Reference to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention Bill 2020)
- 3 **Senator Hanson-Young**—Reference to Environment and Communications References Committee (major projects proposed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*)

**General business**

\* *notified to the President for discovery today*

† *exempt from s066(5) and able to be moved today*

780† **Senator Steele-John**—Introduction of Royal Commissions Amendment (Confidentiality Protections) Bill 2020 (altered 3 September – s077)

783\* **Senator Whish-Wilson**—National packaging covenant

784\* **Senators Chisholm, Watt and Green**—Queensland state election

786\* Chair of the Economics References Committee (**Senator Gallacher**)—Order for production of documents—Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capacity (altered 4 September – s077)

787 **Senator Urquhart**—Order for production of documents—COVID-19 vaccine (altered 3 September – s077)

788\* **Senator McKenzie and others**—Border travel restrictions

789 **Senators Ciccone and Sterle**—Agriculture workers code

790\* **Senators Wong and Keneally**—Australians stranded overseas (altered 1 October – so77)

791† **Senators Hughes and Canavan**—Establishment of a select committee on tobacco harm reduction

793† **Senator Patrick**—Introduction of Judges’ Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020

794\* **Senator Kitching**—Australia Post executive bonuses

795 **Senator Hanson-Young**—AFL Grand Final

796\* **Senator Rennick**—Toxic waste disposal

797\* **Senator Roberts**—Order for production of documents—CSIRO

798\* **Senator Canavan and others**—Australian manufacturers

799 **Senator Rice**—Order for production of documents—Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program

800 **Senator McKim**—Personal income tax cuts

801\* **Senator Siewert**—JobSeeker Payment

16 **Matter of public importance**—Leader of the Australian Greens in the Senate (**Senator Waters**)—  
Instead of investing in Australia’s future, the Morrison Government is choosing inequality and climate collapse in its Federal Budget  
[Time limit: 60 minutes]

17 **Consideration of documents tabled today**, see page 5  
[Time limit: 30 minutes]

18 **Tabling and consideration of committee reports and government responses**  
Committee reports and government responses presented out of sitting, see page 8  
[Time limit per speaker: 10 minutes  
Total time limit for all motions: 60 minutes]

19 **Ministerial statements**

20 **Committee memberships**

21 **Messages**  
Bill for concurrence—[Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Streamlining Environmental Approvals\) Bill 2020](#)

**22 Business to be considered**

**Business of the Senate notices of motion**

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**Government business** continued (see item 8)

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The sitting of the Senate will be suspended from 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm

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**23 Budget statement and documents 2020-21**

Minister for Finance (**Senator Cormann**) to table the Budget statement for 2020-21 and related documents

**24 Particulars of proposed expenditure**

Minister for Finance (**Senator Cormann**) to table particulars of proposed and certain expenditure and move a motion to refer the documents to legislation committees for estimates

**25 Portfolio budget statements**

President to table portfolio budget statements for parliamentary departments

Minister for Finance (**Senator Cormann**) to table portfolio budget statements for portfolio and executive departments

**26 Adjournment proposed**

**27 Adjournment**

**RICHARD PYE**  
Clerk of the Senate

# Documents

For debate at item 17

## **Document presented by the President**

1 Commonwealth Ombudsman—Activities under Part V of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*—Report for 2018-19. [Received 1 October 2020]

## **Auditor-General's report for 2019-20**

2 No. 37—Performance audit—Procurement of garrison support and welfare services: Department of Home Affairs—Corrigendum. [Received 10 September 2020]

## **Auditor-General's reports for 2020-21**

3 No. 5—Performance audit—Regulation of the National Energy Market: Australian Energy Regulator.

4 No. 6—Performance audit—Design and implementation of the Defence Export Strategy: Department of Defence. [Received 10 September 2020]

5 No. 7—Assurance review—Advances to the Finance Minister for the period 1 August 2020 to 28 August 2020: Department of Finance. [Received 14 September 2020]

6 No. 8—Performance audit—Administration of financial disclosure requirements under the Commonwealth Electoral Act: Australian Electoral Commission. [Received 17 September 2020]

7 No. 9—Performance audit—Purchase of the ‘Leppington Triangle’ land for the future development of Western Sydney Airport: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. [Received 21 September 2020]

8 No. 10—Performance audit—System redevelopment – Managing risks while planning transition: Services Australia. [Received 24 September 2020]

9 No. 11—Performance audit—Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Children and Schooling Program and Safety and Wellbeing Program: National Indigenous Australians Agency. [Received 28 September 2020]

## **Report of the Independent Auditor**

10 Australian National Audit Office—Report by Independent Auditor—Performance audit of internal budgeting and forecasting processes and practices, dated September 2020. [Received 24 September 2020]

## **Government documents**

11 Aged Care Quality and Safety—Royal Commission—Aged care and COVID-19: A special report. [Received 1 October 2020]

12 Australian Building and Construction Commission—Performance of the functions and the exercise of powers of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

13 Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2019-20. [Received 28 September 2020]

14 Clean Energy Regulator—2019 Renewable Energy Target administrative report and Annual Statement to the Parliament on the progress towards the 2020 Large-scale Renewable Energy Target. [Received 17 September 2020]

15 Export Market Development Grants Scheme and the financial assistance to small and medium enterprises—Review, dated July 2020. [Received 10 September 2020]

16 Final budget outcome 2019-20—Report by the Treasurer (Mr Frydenberg) and the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann), dated September 2020.

17 Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines—Report for 2019. [Received 24 September 2020]

18 International Air Services Commission—Report for 2019-20.

19 *Migration Act 1958*—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Reports nos 28 to 30 of 2020. Government responses to Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports—Reports nos 28 to 30 of 2020.

20 National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR)—Report for 2019-20.

21 Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner—Report for 2019. [Received 24 September 2020]

22 Productivity Commission—Report no. 94—National transport regulatory reform, dated 7 April 2020. [Received 1 October 2020]

23 *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018*—Report for 2019-20 on the operation of the Act.

24 *Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003*—Operation of the Government co-contribution scheme—  
Annual reports for 2019-20—  
Subsection 12G(2).  
Subsection 54(2).  
Quarterly reports for the period—  
1 January to 31 March 2020—  
Subsection 12G(1).  
Subsection 54(1).  
1 April to 30 June 2020—  
Subsection 12G(1).  
Subsection 54(1).

25 Telecommunications Sector Security Reforms—Report for 2019-20.

26 Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)—Report for 2019-20.

27 Treaties—*Bilateral*— National interest analyses—  
Suspension of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Hong Kong concerning Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.  
Suspension of the Agreement for the Surrender of Accused and Convicted Persons between the Government of Australia and the Government of Hong Kong.

28 *Water Act 2007*—First review of the Water for the Environment Special Account—Report, dated March 2020. [Received 4 September 2020]  
Government response, dated October 2020. [Received 2 October 2020]

## Responses to Senate resolutions

29 COVID-19—Border travel restrictions—Resolution of 25 August 2020—Letter to the President of the Senate from  
Premier of Tasmania (Mr Gutwein), dated 22 September 2020.  
Chief of Staff for the Premier of Queensland (Mr Murphy), dated 24 September.

30 Procedure—Standing Committee—Reference—COVID-19 and the Senate—Resolution of 3 September 2020—Letter to the President of the Senate from the New South Wales Chief Health Officer (Dr Chant), dated 23 September 2020.

## Documents pursuant to continuing orders

31 Australian Research Council—Grant recommendations—Letter of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 27 February 2020—August 2020. *[Received 10 September 2020]*

32 Department of Home Affairs—Protection visas—Statement pursuant to the order of the Senate of 14 November 2019—August 2020. *[Received 17 September 2020]*

33 Entity contracts for 2019-20—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended—  
Defence portfolio—Defence Housing Australia. *[Received 4 September 2020]*  
Industry, Science, Energy and Resources portfolio—Small and Family Business. *[Received 10 September 2020]*  
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio. *[Received 10 September 2020]*

34 Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Additional estimates 2019-20—  
Agriculture, Water and the Environment portfolio. *[Received 18 September 2020]*  
Attorney-General's portfolio. *[Received 24 September 2020]*  
Defence portfolio. *[Received 1 October 2020]*  
Education, Skills, and Employment portfolio. *[Received 24 September 2020]*  
Home Affairs portfolio. *[Received 4 September 2020]*  
Industry, Science, Energy and Resources portfolio—  
Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business. *[Received 10 September 2020]*  
Industry, Science and Technology. *[Received 24 September 2020]*  
Resources, Water and Northern Australia. *[Received 24 September 2020]*  
Social Services portfolio. *[Received 24 September 2020]*

35 Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2020—Statements relating to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended—  
Attorney-General's portfolio. *[Received 30 September 2020]*  
Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business portfolio. *[Received 24 September 2020]*  
Home Affairs portfolio. *[Received 30 September 2020]*  
Industry, Science, Energy and Resources portfolio—Industry, Science and Technology. *[Received 1 October 2020]*  
Treasury portfolio—Australian Taxation Office. *[Received 30 September 2020]*

# Reports and government responses

## For debate at item 18

### Government responses to committee reports

- 36 Environment and Communications References Committee—Interim report—Australia’s faunal extinction crisis—Government response, dated September 2020. *[Received 24 September 2020]*
- 37 Northern Australia—Joint Select Committee—Report—Northern horizons: Unleashing our tourism potential—Government response, dated September 2020. *[Received 17 September 2020]*
- 38 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Feasibility of a national horse traceability register for all horses—Government response, dated September 2020. *[Received 10 September 2020]*
- 39 Trade and Investment Growth—Joint Standing Committee—Trade transformation: Supporting Australia’s export and investment opportunities—Government response, dated September 2020. *[Received 1 October 2020]*

### Committee reports presented out of sitting

- 40 Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 11 of 2020—Human rights scrutiny report, dated 24 September 2020. *[Received 24 September 2020]*
- 41 Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—5th report of 2020—Referral made in May 2020, dated September 2020. *[Received 28 September 2020]*
- 42 Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—Scrutiny digest 12 of 2020, dated 18 September 2020. *[Received 18 September 2020]*

### Not available for debate

- 43 Economics Legislation Committee—  
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No. 2)—Report, dated September 2020, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. *[Received 21 September 2020]*  
National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]—Report, dated September 2020, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions. *[Received 14 September 2020]*
- 44 Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020—Report, dated September 2020, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. *[Received 25 September 2020]*
- 45 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020 [Provisions] and related bills—Report, dated October 2020, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. *[Received 1 October 2020]*

46 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019—Report, dated September 2020, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions. [*Received 4 September 2020*]

**Committee reporting dates—Extensions pursuant to the order of 23 March 2020**

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Recycling and Waste Bills 2020 and related bills [Provisions]—from 30 September to 1 October 2020. [*Received 30 September 2020*]

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

Australia’s dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000—from 12 November 2020 to 11 February 2021. [*Received 29 September 2020*]

Federal Government’s drought response—from 7 October 2020 to 11 February 2021. [*Received 29 September 2020*]

Management of the Inland Rail project—from 11 November 2020 to 11 February 2021. [*Received 29 September 2020*]

Road transport industry—from 14 October 2020 to 11 February 2021. [*Received 29 September 2020*]

Water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef—from 1 October to 8 October 2020. [*Received 30 September 2020*]

Temporary Migration—Select Committee—from 2 December 2020 to last sitting day of the first sitting week in August 2021. [*Received 23 September 2020*]